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STATEMENT OF BRIGADIER ARTHUR SEAFORTH BLACKBURN

The witness duly sworn states

My name is Arthur Seaforth Blackburn; I was born at Woodville in the State of South Australia on 25th day of November, 1892.

I am of Australian nationality; my permanent home is Crafers in the State of South Australia.

The film "Nippon Presents" has been made from an original in Java during the Japanese occupation by Japanese cameramen under Japanese direction made film, which original film I believe was intended to give a faked impression of the treatment by the Japanese of their prisoners of war and of women-internees. English, Australian and Dutch prisoners of war and British and Dutch women and children were forced to play an act in this film in the way as is described by me in the introduction of the film "Nippon Presents".

The original film was captured after the liberation of Batavia, as I am informed and verily believe, and brought to Australia, where some of the players, who survived the ordeal of the Japanese camps, gathered at the instigation of the Netherlands Indies Film Unit to give an idea of the real occurrences and conditions in prisoner of war and women's camps in Java. This is to certify that the statements made by me and the other actors in the Australian part of the film "Nippon Presents", i.e. the parts made in Australia after the liberation, are given according to the truth as I and my co-actors experienced such truth ourselves.

I am informed and verily believe that the shots which were interpolated in Australia have partly been taken from other Japanese films (not intended to fake the real condition, but meant to show the Japanese public the might of the Japanese forces) and for the other part from films, which were made by Allied cameramen of the camps at Batavia after the liberation, when conditions in these camps had already been slightly bettered. These last shots are not faked but given according to the truth as conditions were in the end of September, 1945.

/s/ Arthur S. Blackburn
Brig.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
on board
on this 21st day of October 1946.

/s/ S. H. Crawford
Commander R.A.N.R.
Commanding Officer

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私、姓名ニアーサー・ブーナー・ブラックバーン・

Arthur Seaforth BLACKBURN

私ハ一九二二年(明治三十五年)十一月廿五日南部オース

トラリア州、ハミルトン(WOODVILLE)ニ生じたり。

私オーストラリア國籍ニ於テ、居住籍ニ南部

オーストラリア州、クィンズランド(CRAFERS)ニ在

日本ハシテ「Nippon Presents」と云フニ、

ジャヴァ(JAVA)ニ於テ日本(海軍)員期間中

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/COMMANDING OFFICER/

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